Members:

James Ahiakpor, Economics, Present
Linda Beebe, General Education, With apologies
Barbara Hall, Philosophy, Present, Acting Chair
Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Mathematics, Present
Patricia Jennings, Sociology, Present
Michael Lee, Geography and Environmental Science, Present
Linda Smetana, Teacher Education, With apologies
Aline Soules, Librarian, Chair, With apologies
Margaret Wright, Nursing, Secretary, With Apologies
Colin Ormsby, Presidential appointee, Present, Acting Secretary

Guests:
Saeid Motavalli, Engineering
Don Gailey, Biology
Eric A. Suess, Statistics and Biostatistics
Nan Maxwell, Economics
Nancy Mangold, Accounting
Sue Opp, Biology
Terri Swartz, Dean, College of Business and Economics
Gale Young, Interm. Assoc. Dean, CLASS
Carl Bellone, Assoc. VP, APGS
Kathy Hann, Math

Both the Chair and Secretary sent their apologies. Hall volunteered to serve as Chair and Ormsby volunteered to serve as Secretary.

1. Approval of the Agenda—Moved Ahiakpor, seconded Ouyang, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of Oct. 29, 2008—Moved Ahiakpor, seconded Lee, passed unanimously
3. Report of the Chair, No report of the Chair given
4. Report of the Presidential appointee, No report of the Presidential Appointee given

5. Old business
a. Chinese Language and Cultural Studies Minor. New

No member of the department was present. Members asked why changes to the proposal asked for by CAPR had not been made reflecting the fact that perquisite credits are 45
units rather than 37 as it appeared in the original proposal. Opp responded that this was something CIC allowed.

It was suggested that and agreed upon that the director of the program and/or chair of the department to come to the next CAPR meeting to address this question.

No action on the proposal was taken.

6. New business
   a. MS in Accounting (formerly an Option in Accounting) [potential]

Mangold, Maxwell, and Swartz were asked to discuss the MS in Accounting proposal. Mangold informed the committee that the proposal was put forth in response to external needs accounting professionals. The current option for accounting in the MBA program is not sufficient to qualify students graduating from the MBA program with the accounting option to sit for the CPA exam. The program anticipates a core of 50 students and sees no problem is filling the program. The department is also recruiting for new 5 faculty members so they will have sufficient diversity of skills in the faculty to meet the needs the students.

Members asked whether the program will take one year to complete. Mangold informed the committee that if entering students has completed their pre-requisites it will take only one year. If students do not have an accounting background it will probably take two years.

Members also asked why there was a preference for MS programs in accounting and yet there were so few? Maxwell did not know the status of the programs prior to 2002 however with the passing with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 there were greater requirements for accountants. Most states have a requirement that each accountant accumulate 150 hours prior to being able to sit for the CPA and that is the main driver behind the new proposal. California does not yet require this but it soon will. Swartz pointed out that those CSU’s that do provide the an MS in accounting are much larger the CSUEB so CSUEB would provide an small school alternative to those interested in a MS in Accounting degree.

Committee members asked for clarification on the different between the 2000 level undergraduate courses offered for some students in the program while a 6000 option is offered to others. Mangold pointed out that the 2000 course was offered to those students who did not have a background in accounting while the 6000 courses are offered to those students who do. The 6000 courses do have greater content Mangold pointed out.

Hall motioned for approval of the proposal, Ahiakpor seconded, passed unanimously.

b. Biostatistics Option in MS Statistics. Discussion
Suess from the department of statistics and biostatistics asked that CAPR approve the discontinuance of the biostatistics option in the MS in statistics program. With revisions in the major the option is no longer necessary. The option had been started in 2006 and done prior to the arrival of a number of new faculty with a background in biostatistics.

Lee moved for approval, Ahiakpor, seconded, passed unanimously.

c. M.S. Biotechnology. New

Gailey and Opp from the department of biology asked the committee accept the proposal on the MS in biotechnology. The program would build on an existing certification program that has existed for 20 years and has 24 students currently. The new program would require 47 units as opposed to the 34 units previously required for the certification. It is a distinct program and would be only the 4th CSU in the system to have this program. Students would still be able to obtain the certificate.

Committee members asked if students decided that they wanted a certification how that would happen. Gailey pointed out that they would stop out of the program prior to the thesis. This would allow them the certification, but also allow them to come back and complete the degree should they decide to do that.

Moved for approval by Lee, seconded Ahiakpor, passed unanimously.

d. M.A. Biological Sciences. New

Opp presented on the MA in Biological Sciences. Opp pointed out that the current proposal would replace the currently, somewhat confusing, system that provides students with three options. Option A required a thesis, B required a literature review but not a thesis, C requires a comprehensive exam. The three tracks were confusing to the students and not always clear for faculty. The new proposal would effectively do away with option B and turn C into the MA in Biological Sciences. It would function largely as a pre-professional degree for those who are interested in the medical field and do not have the undergraduate background to continue their education and those in education. It is primarily for those who are not interested in pursuing research.

Committee members asked whether the document could be revised to reflect that the B option was done away with. The current document is not clear on this issue. Gailey and Opp point out that this is what is reflected in the catalog. Committee members accepted the oral presentation as given but wish it noted in the record that the written document submitted was not clear on this issue.

Moved for approval by Ouyang, seconded Jennings, passed unanimously.

e. B.S. Construction Management. New
Motavalli presented on the new BS in Construction Management. Using research done by the department Motavalli assured the committee that there is enough market demand to support the major. CSU Chico which already has the program has some 700 students and Motavalli also referred to local community colleges that have such a program and indicated that CSUEB would link to those CC programs. The BS in Construction Management would also bridge to the MS in Construction Management that was approved last year. He pointed out that the existing program would work with existing space and facilities.

Committee members asked if the program could give and example of what the hybrid courses would be that are referred to in the proposal. Motavalli indicated that for the time being there would be no hybrid courses until the program is up and fully running. It would make use of hybrid courses at a later date. He also indicated that the program would make use of local industry experts to teach many of the courses. Several already have teaching experience.

Ahiakpor moved to accept the proposal, Hall seconded, passed unanimously

f. Foundational Mathematics Certificate. New

Hann from the department of Mathematics asked that the committee accept the proposal on the new Foundation Mathematics Certificate. She pointed out that the certificate was in response to the new state requirements for 8th graders to take algebra. Most middle school math teachers are not certified to teach algebra and this is preparing for that requirement.

Lee moved for approval, seconded by Jennings, passed unanimously.

g. Program Temporary Suspension Policy

Carl Bellone, AVP, APGS said he had not received many examples of such a policy from other CSUs but will bring what he has next time.

h. Referral from Academic Senate Chair regarding 07-08 CAPR 21 & 22

Excom met with CAPR Chair Soules and so it was decided to table the discussion until her return.

8. Other business

None

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted: Colin Ormsby, PIR, Presidential Appointee, Acting Chair